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# Historical Corner

by Sketch



## REGIMENTAL HISTORY

In the first issue I showed that the Regiment was formed and personnel needed their wives' permission to go. The Company landed in France on February 12, 1915 and took over the Ypres salient from the French shortly after. The 1st Div Sig Coy brought no wireless equipment with them consequently there was nothing done on the wireless side of things. Line became the backbone of the signal system, with visual signalling, despatch riders and pigeons as back-ups. The pigeons were delivered to forward points by two despatch riders and then taken to the trenches by pigeoneers. Each battalion in action carried up to six trained pigeoneers. In action as many as a hundred birds a day were sent from the trenches to Canadian Corps HQ. Each bird was released after 24 hours service.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—There are two famous pigeons, William of Orange, who was awarded the Dicken Medal for a flight from Arnhem to England, 260 miles in 4 hours 25 minutes, including 135 miles of open sea. The Dickin Medal is regarded as the animals' VC. The other was Cher Ami, who, when the American 77th Division was being shelled by their own artillery, flew through heavy shell-fire and landed minus one eye, his breastbone broken, and one leg shot away, delivered the message and the shelling was halted in time. The brave bird was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, became the mascot of the U.S. Army Signal Corps and when it died, it was mounted and placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

In December 1915, the 1st Div Sig Coy did much to lift the pall of boredom by constructing a long wave receiving set from parts salvaged in the battle area. These men operated "A most successful press bureau at Divisional Headquarters" and to them must go the credit for inaugurating the wireless service of the Canadian Forces in France. With sections attached to subordinate brigades the Company served the Division through the battles of Ypres, Mount Sorel, The Somme, Vimy Ridge and Passchendale. The unit was demobilized after the war.

## WHY JIMMY???

In 1884, "C" Troop and the Postal Telegraph Companies were amalgamated to form the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Telegraph Battalion, Royal Engineers. Major C.F.C. Beresford, RE, commanding the Second Division, asked for suggestions for a device or crest for the Telegraph Battalion. His own suggestion of the figure of Mercury (a statue which his father purchased at the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park in 1851, and which he had always admired) proved the most popular and was adopted for use on special occasions. It is of interest that of the many versions of the figure of Mercury by various sculptors, the one by Giovanni da Balogna in the Pitti Palace of Florence has been accepted as the model for the Regimental emblem.



FROM  
THE  
COMMANDING  
OFFICER



By the time you read this issue of the Blue and White, my tenure of duty in the Regiment will have already come to an end. Although my time here has been all too short, I must say it has been the most gratifying posting I have had in my military career.

We have worked hard together over the past two years and the fruits of our labour have not gone unnoticed. All our commitments have been met, not only here at home, but within the international forum during exercises in Europe and operations in the United Nations as witnessed by our Contingent in Lebanon. In all instances, the response from the Regiment has been outstanding. You have served your country well and for that you can be justly proud.

I would be remiss if I did not give credit also to the wives and families. Yours has been a long and tedious row to hoe. Without your support and careful handling of the situation on the home front, my job and that of your husband could have been much more difficult. You are to be commended for a job well done!

In closing, I would like to leave you all with this one thought. A unit is not only designated by a name — quite the contrary. It is the officers, NCOs and men who comprise a unit. Without them, there is nothing. YOU are the 1st Canadian Signal Regiment. I consider it an honour to have been a part of you.



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# 1st Canadian Signal Regiment

As we all know, the names and faces within the Regiment are constantly changing because of postings or operational commitments. Here is the current (Sep 78) slate of Officers and Senior NCOs down to Troop Level.

## REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Commanding Officer  
Deputy Commanding Officer  
Ops Officer  
Assistant Ops Officer  
Adjutant  
RSM  
Chief Comm Op  
Assistant Chief Comm Op  
Supt Clk  
Regimental Training NCO

ICol D Banks  
Maj G Lackonick  
Maj R.P. Bonner  
Capt J.A. MacKenzie  
Capt A.G. Wiegel  
CWO D.C. Russell  
MWO C.B. Bostwick  
Sgt R. Beddice  
MWO J.D. Dumont  
WO W.J. Gillis

## 1 SQUADRON

OC  
2IC  
Systems Control Officer  
SSM  
Systems Control WO  
Training NCO  
SQMS  
A and B Tp Commander  
A and B Tp WO  
O and C Tp Commander  
O and C Tp WO  
K Tp Commander  
K Tp WO  
R Tp Commander  
R Tp WO

Maj D.E. Connors  
Capt A.J.G. Whitehead  
Capt D.K. Hadden (Royal Signals)  
WO P.D. Anderson  
WO C. Vanvliet  
Sgt K.G. Park  
Sgt R.J. Morris  
WO P.D. Anderson  
WO P.D. Anderson  
Capt D.B. Jackson  
Sgt T.E. Madden  
Lt R.I. Comis  
WO D.G. Skipper  
Sgt J.D. Nicholson  
Sgt J.D. Nicholson





*Happy Anniversary*

75 YRS ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS

OF SIGNALS



*24 October 1903*



64 YRS 1<sup>ST</sup> CANADIAN SIGNAL

REGIMENT

*14 August 1914*



10 YRS C & E BRANCH

*1 October 1968*





### THE COLONEL

In 1505, King Ferdinand created units called *colunelas* (columns). The *colunela* was, for all practical purposes, the genesis of the modern battalion and Regiment. It was commanded by a *cabo de colunela* (chief of column) or colonel. The French copied the *colunela* concept, and also adopted the military title of rank which — uncorrupted — persists to this day in the French and English languages. For reasons quite unaccountable, the English language retains the uncorrupted Spanish word, as received through the French, but has adopted the Spanish pronunciation.

### LIGHT BLUE

On 2 Aug 1909, during the annual militia training at Petawawa, four demonstration flights were made by JAD McCurdy in his Silver Dart in an attempt to interest the Department of Militia and Defence in the aeroplane as a weapon of war. On the last flight, the machine was wrecked in a heavy landing and a second machine, Baddeck #1, crashed a few days later. Officials were not impressed. During WWI a small Canadian aviation unit was approved to accompany the CEF to England. On 16 Sep 1914, a Canadian Aviation Corps was authorized to consist of two officers and one mechanic. EL Janney was appointed the commander of the CAC with the rank of captain and the expenditure of the sum of not more than \$5000 for the purchase of a suitable aeroplane. Janney was able to locate and purchase a biplane from the Burgess-Dunn Company for that amount and had it shipped to Quebec City. Lt WFN Sharp and SSgt HA Farr were waiting at Camp Valcartier. When the aeroplane arrived on the 1st of October, it was loaded aboard one of the 30 ships that was to sail the next day with the CEF. The convoy docked at Plymouth, 17 October 1914, and the biplane was unloaded and trucked to Salisbury Plain where the troops were camped. It was never to fly in England, however, as not one of the members of the CAC was a qualified pilot. Staked out in the damp English climate, the Burgess-Dunn quickly deteriorated and was eventually written off. By 7 May 1915, the CAC had ceased to exist. Thus ended the short life of Canada's first military aviation service.

### DARK BLUE

August 1939, the naval forces of Canada consisted of six fairly modern destroyers, five small minesweepers and two training vessels (one a sailing ship), two naval bases, one at Esquimalt, the other at Halifax. Personnel consisted of 145 officers and 1,674 men, 9 officers on the retired list subject to recall. On August 26, an Admiralty message arrived in Ottawa containing one word "FUNNEL". With the dispatch of the message, all Canadian merchant ships passed from the control of their owners to control of the Admiralty. This meant that no Canadian registered ship in a Canadian port could sail without the authority of the Royal Canadian Navy. On September 16, St Laurent moved outward through the Halifax approaches with her sister, Saguenay and between them, waddling eastward with a certain untidy gallantry, were the 18 merchant ships of Convoy HX-1 — Halifax to the UK.

MORE OF THE ROAF AND RCN WILL FOLLOW NEXT ISSUE.



## Promotions

The quality of any unit is measured by the degree of competence and the performances of its members both individually and collectively. A good indicator of the standard of excellence of a unit's members is the number of promotions received by the unit during any given period. 1st Canadian Signal Regiment is not without its fair share of promotions during the past nine months. An examination of members of the Regiment promoted since Jan 78 indicates that in a good many cases a posting or change of employment often follows a well-deserved promotion. It is unfortunate that top quality personnel promoted while serving in the Regiment must leave it for new and challenging jobs, however, such is the nature of the Canadian Forces. The following is a list of Regimental promotions since Jan 78:

### CAPT-MAJ

Maj Bonner left his position as Operations Officer to serve as CO of the UNIFIL Signal Unit serving in Lebanon. Major Connors was promoted after leaving 2 Sqn for Staff College. On his subsequent return to the Regiment he became OC of 1 Sqn.

### LT-CAPT

Capt Francki is now serving as UNDOF Signal Officer in Damascus. On his return he is posted to RCHA at CFB Shilo as the Unit Signal Officer.

Capt Smith will replace Capt Francki as UNDOF Signal Officer in Nov.

Capt Drummond is now posted to 4 CMBG HQ and Sig Sqn Lahr.

Capt Jackson was promoted at 4 CMBG HQ and Sig Sqn and subsequently posted to the Regiment.

### MWO-CWO

Formerly Chief Comm Op, CWO Keily was posted to 1 HQ and Sig Sqn Calgary as SSM.





## The PADRE'S CORNER

by Padre Ralph Cope

### A FORMULA FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION!

For years Warwick flew into a hysterical rage every time he played golf. Then one night he came up with the idea of playing without a ball.

Burke, a clubmate, decided he'd play without a ball, too, and the two of them had a match every Saturday — complete with everything but balls.

One day they bet a \$100 on a round and everyone at the club gathered to watch this most unusual match. The two players were all even as they hit off at the 18th tee. Both had good drives, and they sauntered down the fairway to where a good drive would have landed.

Burke took a club and swung. Immediately, Warwick started yelling, and in a moment there was a big fight. Club members rushed down from the 18th green to see what was wrong.

"It's my match! It's my match!" cried Warwick. "He hit the wrong ball!"

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Always flavour your frustration with flagellation

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Confabulate, Concentrate, Computate, Compensate, Consecrate, Then Communicate

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## The PADRE'S CORNER

### 2 SQUADRON

OC  
2IC  
SSM  
Ops Officer  
Int Officer  
Int MWO  
Ops Tp Officer  
Ops Tp WO

Maj R.J. Ferguson  
Capt C.A. Aiken  
MWO R.A. Kunkel  
Lt D.P. Konklin  
Capt A.G. Johnstone  
MWO G.W. Handson  
Lt D.P. Konklin  
WO J.J. Maheux

### SUPPORT SQUADRON

OC  
2IC  
Sp Ops Officer (SOC)  
SSM  
RHQ Tp Sgt  
Comsec  
TFHQ WO  
NCO IC Med  
NCO IC D & E  
Log O  
MSE WO  
Food Services WO  
ROR Supervisor  
RQMS  
Maint Officer  
Veh Maint WO  
Tels Maint WO  
TMO

Maj B.D. Costello  
Capt J.P.J. Jodoin  
Capt J.A.R. Vezina  
MWO K.E. Stuart  
Sgt B.D. Dew  
Sgt R.N. Perry  
WO W.A. Rogers  
Sgt G. Hamilton  
Sgt R.V. Handspiker  
Capt W.R. Webster  
WO R. McNeil  
WO F.R. Curzon  
Sgt R.D. MacKay  
MWO W.E. Hartling  
Capt A.R. Strongman  
WO D.M. McDonald  
WO D.A. Carkner  
CWO B.W. Bennett



# 1 SQN

## A / B Tp

Sunny June found the troop busy getting ready for EX RITE SIMPLE VI. Although still short handed as a result of helping fill the UNIFIL commitment, everyone dug in and all vehicles and equipment were made ready for the long train ride to Wainwright Alberta. Pte's Simpson and Baker accompanied the vehicles on the train and on arrival in Wainwright Pte Simpson told of troubled nights in a swinging hammock. With the arrival of the rest of the troop the task of setting up was taken on and soon accomplished. The troop provided all the Rover Service, operated a Switchboard as well as remoting the HF and VHF Nets out of Rad Con. We also provided a Teletype link to Svc Bn in the field and provided some extra men to some of the other troops. It was a good exercise but we were all glad when the bus arrived to commence the trip back home.

With the coming of July the troop was getting ready for EX MANITOU MOCCASSIN in the Algonquin Park area of Northern Ontario. It was an exercise with the emphasis on adventure training. After two weeks of preparation most of the troop left for a ten day stay in the park. Braving the hot July weather by day and the insect infested woods of a northern Ontario wilderness by night they laughed and whistled their way across the park. Although the trek was hard good spirits prevailed and new energy was found every day. It was reported that Pte Pellerin's diet consisted of frogs legs at least once a day. On return to Kingston the troop was met by the smiles of MCpl's Rose and Fletcher from Germany and Sgt Sharp back from the Middle East.

With the coming of August the block leave period began and the majority of the troop left for some well earned time off. The rest of us got busy on OJT and the never ending task of keeping the vehicles up to a high standard. The middle of August saw the arrival of our new troop WO, WO Roettger from Calgary who is presently on his 6B course on the other side of the road.



PTE-CPL

Opl Desileto - 2 Sqn - Ops Tp Det 2IC.

Opl Fortier - 2 Sqn - Ops Tp Detachment Comd.

Opl Edwards - Sp Sqn - promoted while in Lebanon.

Opl Tomlinson - Sp Sqn - posted to 4 CMBG HQ and Sig Sqn Lahr.

Opl Revell - Sp Sqn - Log Tp.

Opl McGunnigle - Sp Sqn - on TQ5 course at CFB Borden.

Opl Bergeron - Sp Sqn - posted to CFS Aldergrove.

Opl Gibson - Sp Sqn - on TQ5 course at CFB Borden.

Opl Shropshall - Sp Sqn - Regimental Orderly Room.

Opl Hutchings - Sp Sqn - Log Tp.

Opl Caron - Sp Sqn - Maint Tp.

Opl Good - Sp Sqn - Maint Tp.

Opl Banks - 1 Sqn - K Tp.

Opl McGuey - 1 Sqn - presently serving in Lebanon.

1st Canadian Signal Regiment has a total compliment of 447 all ranks. The figure of 41 promotions during the last nine months certainly speaks highly of the quality of personnel found within the Regiment. Although we are naturally sorry to see newly promoted personnel posted out of our unit, it is gratifying to know that the Regiments' loss is the Canadian Forces' gain.



WO-MWO

MWO Bostwick replaced CWO Kiely as Regimental Chief Comm Op.

SGT-WO

WO Mueller served briefly in Sp Sqn Op Gen before his posting to 4 Svc Bn Lahr.

WO Wadman now serves in 2 Sqn and will be retiring this year.

WO Gillis was NCO IC D and E Sect and now is employed in Regt Ops Gen.

WO Roettger was newly posted into 1 Sqn from 1 Cbt Sig Sqn Calgary and now is A Tp WO.

MCPL-SGT

Sgt Sharp - 1 Sqn B Tp Sgt.

Sgt Belley - promoted while serving in Lebanon.

Sgt Hall - 2 Sqn Ops Tp Section, Sgt.

Sgt Matheis - 2 Sqn - now is NCO IC Tech Maint.

Sgt Warren - posted to CFSCEE on return from Cyprus.

Sgt Pilkey - posted to 4 Svc Bn Lahr.

Sgt Graham - promoted while serving in Lebanon.

CPL-MCPL

MCpl Wells - Sp Sqn Maint Tp.

MCpl Keating - Sp Sqn - posted to HMCS Kootney CFB Esquimalt.

MCpl Ryan - Sp Sqn Steward.

MCpl Wallet - Sp Sqn - promoted while serving in Lebanon.

MCpl Bennett - 1 Sqn - presently serving in Egypt.

MCpl Lamont - 1 Sqn - Sqn Orderly Room NCO.

MCpl Dufour - 2 Sqn - Ops Tp Shift Supervisor.

MCpl Fox - 2 Sqn - on Career Adjustment Trg Course CFSCEE.

MCpl Richer - 2 Sqn - Ops Tp Detachment Comd.

MCpl Roy - 2 Sqn - on Career Adjustment Trg Course CFSCEE.



## R Tp

Since our last entry into the Blue & White many changes have overcome in Romeo Troop. The biggest gap was that the Regiment as a whole lost many members to UNIFIL, as was already mentioned in our last edition of Newsletter.

Besides our initial commitment to UNIFIL, two more troop members have left us early this summer for a tour of duty in the Middle East. Opl Thomas is presently serving for UNDOF Sigs Tp in the Golan Heights. Pte Cairns, meanwhile is doing his time with UNEF. Some of the other members that have left R Tp are MOpl Kemp, MOpl Barkley, and Pte Sidel. These three have been posted over to LRCT (K Tp). MOpl Hallman has just recently departed us, only to move directly across the hall to System Control. Despite the loss of our guys, there have been replacements and a few new members from the school. MOpl Aube who joined us a short time ago, arriving from CFB Europe, has only been in our troop, just shy of a month, and he has already received or been offered a posting to CFSCEE. He will be an instructor for PL3 Rad Ops. Among some of the new and fresh members from the school are Pte's; Holloway, Impellezzeri, McDermott, Wilson, and Coutu. R Tp also received Pte Lebreux who came from Radio Tp (A Tp). Pte Arsenault didn't stay very long with us here in Romeo Troop. Since his arrival here, directly from the school, he is already out on Givy Street. Two more members have subsequently been posted out of our troop. Pte Lamond moved down stairs to Support Sqn, and Opl Bryer has received his posting instructions to CFB Ottawa. Over the past couple of months Romeo Troop has been involved in various exercises and special tasks. Beside these, we have also taken part in another honor guard in Ottawa, earlier in September.

Our troop provided Radio Relay Communications for Exercise Rite Simple VI, which was held in Wainwright this past summer. Another exercise that involved R Tp was Ex Manitou Mocassin, which was a test of endurance and survival in the dense forest regions of Northern Ontario.

Eden Morrey inspects 1 Sqn on medals parade, 13 Jul 73. Eden Webber, Colonel of the Regiment, received the Jubilee Medal and WO Vanecko, MOpl Hodd, and MOpl Mighan received the Canadian Forces Decoration .../17 on this parade.



We would also like to say farewell for now to Pte MacNeil, on his way to Egypt (love those Camels).

Things are pretty quiet now and we're all looking forward to seeing our boys return from Lebanon.

That's it for now, see you all next time.

## K Tp

Here we are again, to give an update on what has happened in Kilo Troop during the months of June, July and August.

In the month of June, the troop set up the terminals and established a radio link between Kingston and Lebanon. Phone patches were made across Canada. The radio link will be kept up three times a week until the men return home. MCpl Ross has decided to do a tour with the militia in Nova Scotia for a couple of months. Have fun George.

Nothing exceptional happened in July except the normal training required and hot weather. The skid to Lebanon was running smoothly. We had one special event in which Lt Comis along with Ptes Pike, Peeters, Mooney, Banks, Sidel, Roy and Lovett decided to trek across Algonquin Provincial Park for about 40 miles to ensure their feet were working.

Annual leave broke out in August and hardly a soul was around. We must welcome MCpls Kemp, Barkely and Cook, Opls Brown and Ross, and Ptes Pike, Peeters to the troop. Hope your stay here is a good one. WO VanVliet has moved into systems to try his hand at the "sharp end" of the squadron. We welcome WO Skipper as his replacement. Last but not least Cpl Racine has decided to try his hand at a civilian trade. Best of luck Mike in your new career.

Well must sign off for now but before I go hardy congratulations must be given to all involved in the skid to Lebanon over the last three months. Job well done.



When September rolled around all personnel were back off leave and the news of another exercise was in the air. Eleven members of A/B Troop left on 5 Sep for the Fall EX in Germany in support of 2 Sqn, they will return on the 29th. A/B Troop is composing some of the personnel on a 2 week Northern Viking Ex in Burwash Landing, an area of the Yukon. Leaving on the 17 Sept and returning on the 2 Oct.

With these two exercises on the go, the rest of us are getting ready for the annual 2 X 10 Mllers and the next EX RITE SIMPLE. MCpl Rose left us after a short stay, going to K Troop, joining him was Pte Proulx. In return we received Ptes Middlebrook and Cooke and MCpl Irving. Thus we extend a warm "Welcome" to the troop.

Until next time this is Alpha (a very mobile radio) and BRAVO (a very tactical radio) saying see you next issue.

## C Tp

Hello from the line troop. During the period of 1 Jun - 1 Sep the linemen were pretty busy.

Starting on 6 Jun an advance party of linemen left for Wainwright. After a week of extremely hard work the rest of the boys arrived and we got into the real brain work (how to make a maze of wires work into a communications centre). Well things went smoothly and we got home safely.

During July and August the troop was on leave, and on 1 August we welcomed Pte Booth back.

The troop would like to say goodbye to Pte Drodge who is back in Newfoundland, and Pte Mackenzie who is back in the School for his TQ5 Course. Mac is then off on a posting to Halifax. Best of luck Guys.



Sept 7 marked a change in command for Oscar Troop as Capt Jackson B.R. took over from Capt Smith A.A.

During the last three months several people have come and gone. CFSCEE has provided the troop with five radio operators of the best kind because Pte McAleer GL, Pte Sittle DB, Pte Tonin MJ, Pte Tippit GL and Pte Welin B are all 80 day-wonders.

Cpl Langer has returned from his summer posting to Camp Aldershot where he taught Militia Students the use of Teletype equipment. Other incoming people include Cpl Brooks JJ from 742 Comm Sqn, Edmonton; Cpl Morrow D from CFS Carp; Cpl Baresich PJ from 4 FD AMB, Germany; MCpl Whidden VS from 408 Tac Hel Sqn Edmonton; MCpl Eastman GJ from somewhere down the hall at Alpha Troop; and Sgt Webb RK from HQ and Sigs Calgary.

MCpl Vellone (Shiny boots) left for RMC Kingston where as a cadet he plans to obtain his university education and become a commissioned officer. MCpl Barnaby FL who just returned from the Middle East has gone east to sort out 2 RCR in Gagetown. Pte McCullough and Pte Leblanc both went to Germany to assist at 4 CMBG and Pte Race moved to Petawawa.

So much for the past, looking ahead Oscar Troop has a lot of work to do but no doubt with a diligent crew no task will be too small.

We do the impossible first  
Difficult jobs take longer

## 2 SQN

During the June to September period 2 Sqn has continued to try and erase the cloak and dagger image, by providing equipment demonstrations and briefings for various units. We have been actively engaged exercising and testing equipment on our own and supporting the SSF from Petawawa.



## O Tp

Since 1 June Oscar troop has assisted in EX RITE SIMPLE VI, MAN-ITOU MOCCASIN, EX NORTHERN VIKING and supplied personnel for other regimental tasks. Throughout the same period the troop has also seen extensive changes of the names and faces that make it up.

Wainwright was the home of Oscar Troop from 10 June to 24 June 78, where, with other members of the 1st Canadian Signal Regiment, it took part in EX RITE SIMPLE VI. Oscar Troop's role was to supply switchboard facilities and teletype communications for both the higher and lower control as well as a CFCC circuit to Commdet Wainwright.

The two weeks in Alberta also allowed some spare time to take part in local civilian functions such as Wainwright's 25th annual stampede.

17 - 26 July found Oscar Troop out with others from 1 Sqn fighting the insect infested, ovenlike bushland of Algonquin Park. Manitou Moccasin was designed to test mental and physical endurance of men in the natural hardships the park could put against them. Three patrol comprised Oscar Troop personnel and they fought the never ending hills, the baking rays of the summer sun, the lack of fresh water, the leadweight rucksacks containing shelter, clothing and food, (if you classify patrol rations as food). Three patrol conquered these hardships and was the first to march into the rest camp where they raised the "3 Ptl" pennant marking the finish and the victory.

August was the block leave period during which people appeared and disappeared daily. Those on leave relaxed in the summer sun, the rest tried to complete On-The-Job-Training in the exhausting heat.

September has arrived and work begins again. Oscar Troop has provided a complete section of men for EX NORTHERN VIKING while the remainder train for upcoming exercises.



Earlier in the summer and just quite recently R Tp was tasked to put on a demonstration. The reason being that foreign countries were interested in buying some Radio Relay equipment. The first demo was for the representatives of the Phillipines Armed Forces. In order to give them a thorough summary we set up a radio relay shot using a repeater and two terminals. At the same time we had Support Sqn provide us with a teletype circuit. We gave the visitors a comprehensive run down on the equipment and how it works. The same method was used to demonstrate our equipment to the representatives of the Venezuelan Armed Forces, which was earlier this month. Both parties were greatly impressed with our set ups, and compliments were passed down to the troop and its members.

So in closing, R Tp has fulfilled it's commitments over these past few months, and will no doubt continue doing so. We wish our guys with UNIFIL, a safe and happy return.



BGen Mooney inspects 1 Sqn on medals parade, 13 Jul 78. BGen Webber, Colonel of the Regiment, received the Jubilee Medal and WO McNeil, MCpl Hodd, and MCpl Miegahan received the Canadian Forces Decoration on this parade.



## Maint Tp

Summer is over and the fall is upon us again. Many new faces have appeared in the troop and we have bid farewell to many departing members.

One of the major undertakings this summer was the troop picnic. It was held July 9 at Desert Lake KOA Camp ground. A number of people took advantage of the day and spent the weekend camping, with the picnic coming as an enjoyable climax to a weekend of fun and relaxation. Children's races, a baseball game and a barbecue all contributed to a most memorable day. Many thanks to Rick Jefferies and Neil Williamson for all their work in organizing this event.

With personnel back from their leave, preparations are now underway for the fall activities. The exercise and parade schedule is sure to keep us busy and the Troop will again exhibit it's skill at soldiering with a technical flair.

Following is a list of 1 CDN Sig Regt/Maintenance Troop arrivals and departures:

<u>ARRIVALS</u>	<u>DEPARTURES</u>
WO Carkner	WO Mueller
WO Moore	Sgt Warren
Sgt Young	MOpl Cook
Sgt Branden	Cpl Greer
MOpl Rousseau	Cpl Nichol
Cpl Good	Cpl Walker
Cpl Hayden	Cpl Hladun
Cpl Cann	Cpl Ferguson
Cpl Fagan	Cpl Bergeron
Cpl Colbourne	Cpl Faubert
Cpl Harris	Pte Craig-Browne
Pte Rancicot	Pte Lavoie
Pte Byers	Pte Pardy
Pte Rondeau	Pte Bottrell
Pte Hill	
Pte Brunk	
Pte Giles	



than their share of pens) convinced me to buy a ticket for one of the misguided in the fold who despite all good counselling was getting himself married. Dan -- you were warned!

During the summer months the troop was well represented on the baseball team coming in with a victory. I had an opportunity to see a couple of the games and it seems that in addition to the work involved, in having a winning team, there was a lot of good fun around the diamond.

But, lest you think we do nothing other than play, we had a day out under the sun -- you remember it don't you? -- that was the day we all came in dressed funny, with gear too much to carry, and too tired to look fierce while holding our eyes open with pencil stubs. The word was given and the troop headed out with the Regiment for a tour of the area. Hard work finished, we met for a drink or two and a hot meal and to sit and rap about the day with one another.

While the normal business of running an Orderly Room must be continued the cleaning jobs must also be done. The big job was the vehicles. It was questionable at times as to which got more paint -- the trucks or the painters. Then there was the afternoon when a cyclone hit the ROR -- actually it was Sgt MacKay and his clean up crew. For the first time (probably since moving in) you could find what you were looking for.

Of course a good soldier is always ready for inspection and RHQ Tp has held up their end. How many pounds of air pressure are in the tires on your 5/4 ton truck???

During the period of Aug -- Sep the effective strength of the personnel in the troop has undertaken some changes. We lost Sgt Fillion to Valcartier (be sure to look him up when you're down there). For the time being, we have lost Sgt Dew and his men while they set out in search of high places on Exercise NORTHERN VIKING.

The troop took on some new clerks as well. Ptes O'Neill, Field, Tardiff and McKay joined us from CFSAL. We hope they find a place in the troop family. I'm sure they will!

Pte Fisher won't be with us much longer. He regrets (I'm sure) that he must leave the Regiment to take a posting down the road in CFB Trenton. Best of luck Dan.

All in all the Tp has been active.



Most of the summer months with the exception of a block leave period, have been spent preparing for the Fallex 78 exercise in Germany. Sgt Malenfant gave a mini German language course, (hopefully all ranks will understand enough to communicate in the local.

The squadron and most of its equipment was airlifted to CFE in late August in preparation for the September exercise. This annual excursion to Germany gives us an opportunity to take part in some of the most realistic peace time training available. As the personnel had not returned, at press time; no war stories are available.

A number of personnel have been away on course, the most noteworthy being Capt Johnstone to the U.K. We can only guess how this has effected Canadian/U.K. diplomacy.

There has, as usual been a large change of personnel. A welcome to the new arrivals and a reminder to the departing members, that there is a light at the tunnels end.

Our OC has borrowed a line from the comic strip Peanuts, instead of looking for the Great Pumpkin, it's a 515 he waits for.

**SP SQN**

**RHQ Tp**

When first approached to write an article about RHQ Tp I was very unsure of what to put on paper. I started thinking back over the few weeks that I have been here with the Regiment and realized that the troop has certainly been busy.

As a clerk I came in contact with the Adm side of the house before anything else - talk about first impressions! The "boys" soon brought me in line, though, and I was off to soldiering. Enough of that - it's a story in itself. What of the doings of the troop itself? Well lets take a look at some of the things that have happened.

Before I had an opportunity to get moved into the Orderly Room a group of clerks (those crazy people who have been known to chew more



## Ex Rite Simple VI

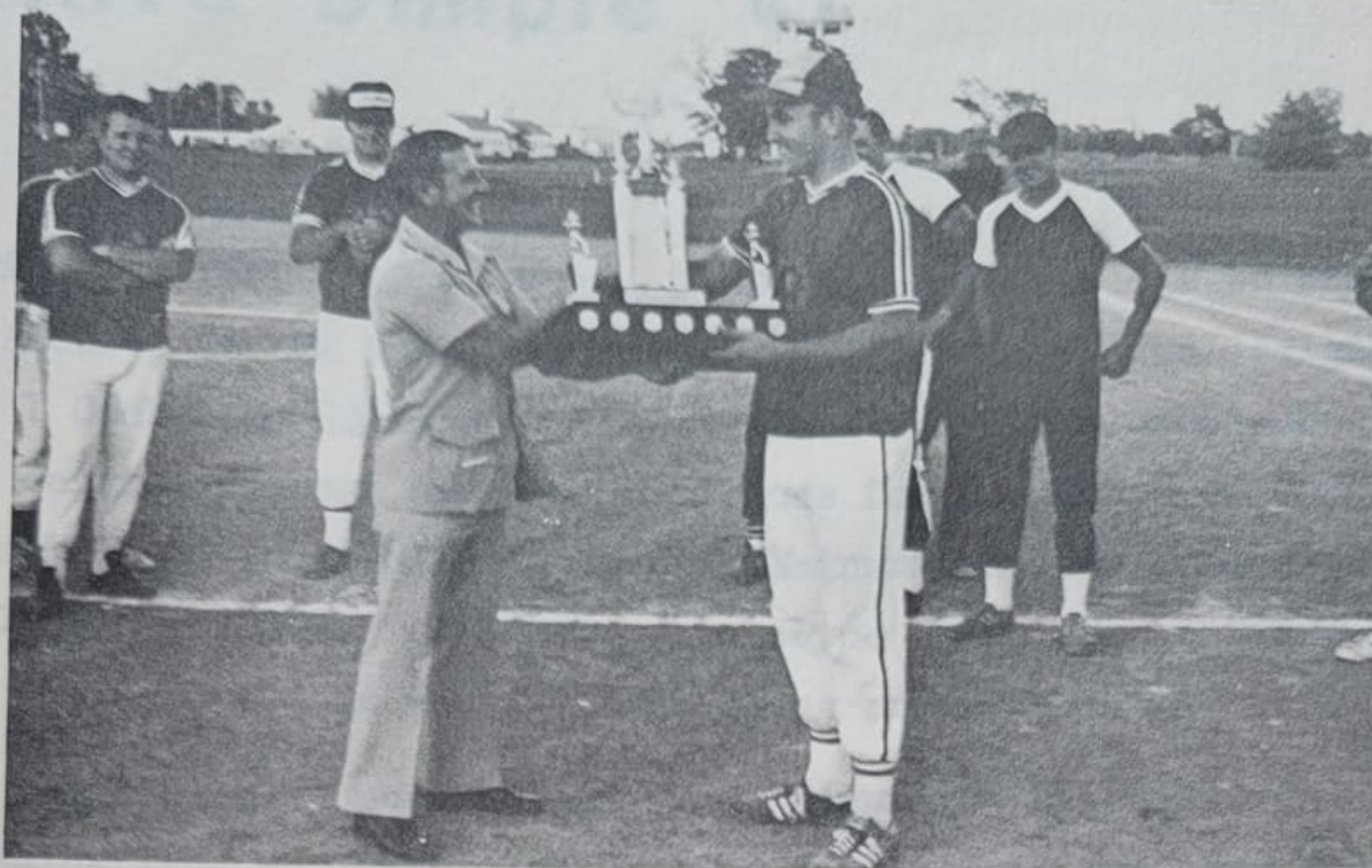
During the period 12 - 23 Jun, 1 Cdn Sig Regt was off to sunny Wainwright Alberta for Ex RITE SIMPLE VI. RITE SIMPLE VI was designed to exercise 1 Combat Gp HQ in operational staff and comms procedures. We provided service support and communications for the Exercise Control HQ which was located in a building in Camp Wainwright. We communicated via tactical radio, CRTTZ, radio relay, teletype and dispatch rider to 1 CBG which was deployed in the field training area.

Our vehicles were sent to and from Wainwright by rail. On arrival in Wainwright we set up the messing facilities, quarters and the myriad of telephone, teletype and radio remote line to support the FMO HQ staff and 1 CBG staff officers that were to operate out of Camp Wainwright. These time consuming tasks were completed well in advance of the first arrivals from FMO HQ. With this done we settled back to maintain the systems that we had set up and to adjust them to meet the changing requirements of the exercise.

The Exercise CO, Major Costello found himself "negotiating" communications with LCol "Yellowboots" Murphy and Maj Dudley (who was "supposed" to be on OUR side). Duty Signal Officers Capt Smith and Lts Combs and Gauvin struck up many friendly telephone conversations with WOs Alexander and Anderson and Sgt Foster. SSM Stuart was just about everywhere getting things done with a snap of his fingers. The Support Operations Center (which we could never tie down to a specific room) floated throughout the exercise control building. Cpts Sheremeta and Vezina and WO Rogers were certainly quick to ensure that the building was maintained in proper order and that all exercise cells were fully supported. On the whole the exercise was well run and worthwhile.

A welcome break came on 12 Jun when 1 CBG HQ and Sig Sqn invited the Regiment out on it's birthday party. We were conned into a disaster-





Regimental Ball Team Captain Cpl Shropshall receives the Base Softball Trophy from ICol Banks after defeating the WOs and Sgts' Mess Team.



Regimental Ball Team: Front row L to R, Sgt Madden, Cpl Ryan, MCpl Kemp, Pte Fisher, Cpl Tolmie, Cpl Shropshall, MCpl Arberry. Back row: L to R, MCpl Nelson, Capt Smith, Pte Langner, Sgt Perry, Cpl Mikkola, WO Anderson, Cpl Hearn, MCpl Pylak, Sgt Head.



## Sports Corner

The Regiment Fastball Team wound up the season with a resounding victory, the first three games of a best of five series over the Sgt's and WO's mess to claim the trophy.

Team members were:

Playing Coach/Pitcher:	WO Andy Anderson
Catcher:	Pte Danny Fisher
1st Base:	MCpl John Kemp
1st Base:	Sgt Bruce Head
2nd Base:	MCpl Brian Arberry
2nd Base:	Cpl Jim Tolmie
3rd Base:	Sgt Tom Madden
3rd Base:	MCpl Al Gordon
Shortstop:	Cpl Chopper Shropshall
Left Field:	Capt Al Smith
Centre Field:	MCpl Dave Nelson
Right Field:	Cpl Al Ryan
Team Manager:	Lt Randy Comis
Equip Manager:	Cpl Michael Patrick Fagan

June, July and August has seen individual sports to a maximum with most Regiment members enjoying the sandy beaches of the Middle East or deployed on various exercises. Inter troop challenges and squadron sports has been the mainstay of the volleyball courts, floor hockey and soccer fields. The oncoming season will bring hockey, broomball and indoor sports to the fore. Cross country skiing should be a hit again this winter.



Basically our job consists of controlling operations type traffic on the Command Net and monitoring UN vehicle movement within the Damascus area on our movement Control Net. Despite their lack of radio experience, the det members have proven themselves more than equal to the job.

The infamous gut or Yalla Yalla as they call it in Damascus, has systematically struck down each and every one in the detachment, but we've all managed to pull out of it, a little thinner maybe, but no worse for the wear. Now we find it a bit difficult to suppress a chuckle when we see one of our comrades with the same affliction.

Our spare time is by no means lost time. On the contrary, we spend it fully absorbed in either vigorous dust raising games of backgammon or feverishly working away on rug hooking kits. As a matter of fact, I've hooked so much I dreamt I was doing it in my sleep. Why just last Wednesday I woke up and found that I had hooked my hair to the head of the bed.

Seriously, although I find the work and environment interesting, I'm looking forward to returning to the home front."

"Greetings from Iranbatt Sigs! This is Pte Worsley, the lone representative of the Regiment in this det. Guess I'm just lucky! I arrived here in March and will be going back in September. Since I arrived I have made many new Iranian friends, which isn't hard as they will bend over backwards to be friendly. The job here entails maintaining watch on three radio nets, one of which we are — control station. All three radios are Motorolas, which makes the job even easier. Iranbatt is situated on the same camp as Canlog so we are always in contact with other Canadians and also enjoy the excellent food of the fine Canadian kitchen (BURP).

For recreation, Tiberias is always close by and we can observe the Canlog Sigs drowning in Gold Star Lake, which is an almost every second day occurrence. Occasionally they even go in the water. I think the locals call it the Sea of Gallilee, but it has been renamed by us for the mysterious liquid they sell there in dark brown bottles. All in all, I have to say this has been a good posting, after all, it could have been Ismailia, a place where you can get the "gut" just by passing



## UNDOF

The United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) was created in May 1974. Its role is to police the Israeli-Syrian cease fire signed 31 May 1974 in Geneva. An Area of Separation (AOS) separates the two nations. Although the AOS is under Syrian administration, neither country is allowed any military presence within the area. A network of positions and observation posts stretches throughout the AOS and reports all violations. At present, an Austrian Battalion mans the northern section of the AOS and an Iranian Battalion, the southern position. Regular inspections by United Nations Military Observers from a myriad of countries ensures that both countries respect the arms limitation on their side of the border. Logistics support is provided by a Polish Company at Camp Faouar Syria and a Canadian Company at Camp Ziouani in Israel. Communications are provided by the UNDOF Signal Troop formed of 32 Canadians.

The UNDOF Sig Tp boasts a fair percentage of Regimental personnel. As of 23 May 78, the unit will be commanded by an officer from the Regiment on a permanent basis. The incumbent at present is Capt Jan Francki.

Following are reports from the various detachments.

MCpl Bob Citulsky reporting from Damascus, HQ Command Detachment. Working in the detachment with me are Pte Rick Melbrew, a crewman from Calgary, and two RCR's Pte Tony Meade from London and Pte Rob Campbell from Gagetown.



ous volleyball game but cleaned their clocks in softball. The day ended with a barbeque, some presentations and good friendship with our hosts in their messes. On the final day of our deployment we attended the Wainwright Stampede to thrill to the bronco busting, steer wrestling, bull riding and calf roping of the local cowboys. The Wainwright Stampede beauty contest was well attended. A lovely local lass was duly crowned.

So long Wainwright till next year!



The Honorary Colonel of the C and E Branch, BGen Mooney, presents the Jubilee Medal to the Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Webber, on the medals parade, 13 Jul 78.



initiative, MCpl Moore and his men have built a screened-in patio against one end of their tent where he operates his radios with pleasant breezes and a great view across a broad valley. He has also scrounged a 45 gallon drum, mounted it on a scaffold and installed some pipe and a shower head below it. A Canadian flag painted on the side of the drum gives a proud Canadian touch to his detachment's shower.

Cpl Bill Loree is commanding the detachment with the Nigerian battalion headquarters which is also occupying a large house in the village of Tayr Zibna. He operates his radio nets from the battalion radio room which he shares with the Nigerian Signals Detachment. He and his men live and cook in a modular tent in an olive grove behind the house. He was in the process of laying a plywood floor and building kitchen cupboards for storage when I last visited him.

MCpl Don Turner who is in charge of the detachment with the Iranian Contingent, has his radio installed in the operations room which he shares with the duty officer. His detachment lives in a small private house on the outskirts of the village of Buri Qallawiyah adjacent to the house occupied by the battalion headquarters. The Lebanese owner of the house visits regularly to check on the furnishings and ensure that all is well. His detachment enjoys a tiled bathroom with sink, toilet and shower. The only thing that might catch one's eye about it is that the toilet is a floor level fixture with two raised porcelain foot steps.

The Nepalese battalion where MCpl Mike Forbes has his radio detachment is quartered in a large school in the town of Ett Taibe. MCpl Forbes' detachment lives and works in a former classroom on the second floor. The quarters are a bit cramped but a canvas curtain separates the working area from the living area. Broken windows have been mended with clear plastic and the detachment is in the process of building some storage cupboards. There are rumours that the Lebanese may want to re-open the school and the battalion may have to move.

MCpl Ed Bowes and his detachment with the Norwegian battalion have the smallest radio room of all. They are located in a small cottage about one mile from the Christian town of Marjayoun which they share with the battalion signal platoon. Their radio room was formerly the bathroom. It has the fixtures removed and a plywood floor, one small window and a door which opens onto the former kitchen which is now occupied by the battalion switchboard, the two battalion radios, plus a coffee area. MCpl Bowes and his men live in a tent in the battalion lines in an adjacent olive grove. They are also expecting to move in



a convoy of rations or repairing a broken down truck. Two members of the Sig Regt were sent along to create havoc on this happy scene. Namely MCpl Tom Bennett and Cpl Dan Thomas.

We are employed in the message centre which provides communications for Canlog. Some of our jobs include: operating VHF radio within UNDOF; operating HF radio to Naqoura, Tel Aviv and Ismailia; operating the camp switchboard; spreading rumours and getting other Sigs types in the area to ask for Kingston on their next PER.

Life is pretty dull in Canlog, so most people try to pass the days by keeping busy in their spare time. Dan spends his time swimming at "Gold Star" Lake, while Tom peddles around the Golan Heights on a bicycle.

The only detachment without any Regimental personnel is the Tiberius det on the edge of the Sea of Gallilee. However, life is so relaxed, posh and easy here, that no Regimental personnel could possibly feel at home here, so they are all roughing it up in the other detachments.

## UNIFIL Lebanon

CANSIGS, as the Canadian Signal Unit is known in UN parlance, is busily settling in and getting the base camp at Naqoura organized. Detachments are out with the various infantry battalions where they are providing radio communications back to UN HQ at Naqoura. They are living under various conditions according to the location and facilities of each battalion.

MCpl Gerry Belley and his detachment are with the French battalion in a former Lebanese army barracks in Tyre. They live and work in adjacent rooms and have reasonable facilities.

MCpl Al Moore who commands the detachment with the Senegalese Battalion, has his detachment living and working in a three section modular tent. The Senegalese Battalion has taken over a private house in the village of Marakaft for their headquarters. Using a bit of Canadian



through. Well that's about it, so, so long from MCpl McMaster (Petawawa), Pte Duff Welch (Calgary), Cpl Guitard (3 PPCLI Victoria) and myself and remember, YOU MIGHT BE NEXT!"

"The Ausbatt Detachment is manned by MCpl Marty Kowalski from Calgary, Cpl Tom Stuart and Pte Mark Witter from Kingston and Pte Peter Gibson from Quebec City. The detachment is located at Camp Faouar and is the home of the Austrian Battalion and Polish Logistics Company. It is situated 40 km SW of Damascus on the Syrian side of the AOS, almost at the foot of Mt Hermon and in the middle of nowhere.

Ausbatt is an out station on the Force Command Net and is also the Control Station for the UN Military Observer Net (North) linking 3 observation posts. Violations are reported to Ausbatt and re-transmitted to Damascus. Most violations are caused by shepherds trying to feed their flocks on better grazing land."

"Pte Robert Howie reporting from Quebec House. Our detachment of 4 personnel is situated in the once thriving city of 37,000 called QNAITRA. Only a few buildings remain standing, a grim reminder of the '73 Israeli-Syrian War. All around lies rubble and evidence of the carnage and waste that war brings.

We operate vehicle control from Damascus to Tiberias. One must always know who is where and going where (even if the driver doesn't know). Three radios, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, who says it's easy? Not us! Sun, wind and heat; we have it all! But our sanity remains. UNDOF Sigs lives!"

"Canlog is a Canadian unit whose task is to supply Logistical support to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. It is located in Israel in the Golan Heights, very near the Syrian Border. There are approximately 120 members of Canlog, busy doing such things as driving



It's going to be a long hot summer in Lebanon, with a lot of hard work to be done by CANSIGS. However, the unit is getting organized and there will be some R and R and some leave to break up the hard work and October will roll around quickly.



A/ICol George Lackonick accompanied by WO Frank Hughes inspects Comm Tp on the handover parade. On the parade from left is Cpl Dave Evans, Pte Dave Milton and Pte Mike Brennan.



OFF TO LEBANON — Defence Minister Barney Danson wishes the Signals group well prior to their departure from Trenton, Ontario for UNIFIL duty. Nearest Mr Danson is Major Francois Turgeon, 36, of St Hubert, Quebec, commanding the unit.



Polish personnel tents with four men per tent.

The kitchen where MCpl Gerry MacDonald and Cpl George Wallet prepare excellent food with the assistance of two Lebanese cooks' helpers, is in an open modular. The sides have been rolled up to allow the breeze in. Everyone washes their own dishes and on Sunday mornings, cooks their own breakfast. This gives the cooks one morning to sleep in beyond their normal 4:30 a.m. wake-up time.

The vehicle repair section, under the control of Sgt Orv Smythe, and the radio maintenance section run by WO Len Parsons, share a maintenance tent.

The QM section, consisting of MCpl George Gallant and recently promoted Cpl Murray MacDonald and under the watchful eye of MWO Bill Hartling, have the massive job of sorting and setting up shelves for the avalanche of spare parts that arrived with the unit. For some reason, their tent is always the hottest one there as they labour away recording tiny transistors with big part numbers in their stock record cards. They have been receiving help from Ismailia in this tedious task.

Showers have been set up in the headquarters, thanks to the scrounging of MCpl Doug Clarke and his detachment that was with the Swedish Company and who later deployed with the Irish Battalion.

The unit orderly room is run by Cpl "Radar" Edwards (who incidentally won the Regimental Soldier of the Year Award) from the HQ tent with the assistance of Pte Charlie Capern. This busy pair can often be found pounding away on a typewriter late into the night as they churn out the paper that gets the unit paid, fed, and keeps the operations going.

WO Frank Hughes with the help of WO Stu MacCauley and Sgt Joe Izzard, have put together an amateur radio station for phone patches back to Canada. Sgt Terry MacCormick organized a crew to erect the antenna and the first call was made by WO Stu MacCauley on 27 May 78 to his wife Julie. Since then, the LRCT troop have set up a circuit to the ham station and will assist in passing traffic to families in the Kingston area.

When I left in late May, daily temperatures were running over 100°F and we found that afternoons were too hot for work. Our days started at 7:00 a.m. and we worked straight through to 1:00 p.m. Lunch was from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and the hot afternoons were free for a siesta. We then went back and worked a couple of hours in the evening when it was cooler. Sunday was the only day off.



the near future.

Since I have left the area, detachments have also joined the Fijian and Irish Battalions.

MCpl Al Lowe is the detachment commander of the air-ground-air radio from the Norwegian Helicopter Unit's landing zone, next door to the CANSIGS Base Camp. They are operating from the back of a German UNIMOG one ton radio van.

The two control stations on the Force Command and Logistics net are located at UNIFIL Headquarters in Naqoura and share a room in the basement of one of the buildings. MCpl Graham and MCpl Denoble are the two detachment commanders and they and their detachments live at the base camp.

MCpl Willy O'Ree has a detachment of six men who operate the Force Team Net and the Force Mobile Motorola net. They use civilian pattern motorola radios and work from the Force Operations Room in Naqoura. They control all the observer teams working with the battalions, and all the mobile stations in vehicles used by the staff. Because some of the staff officers are not used to working in English, they often become involved in message preparation. This detachment also lives in the base camp.

The only detachment not deployed away from the base camp is MCpl Barry Birmingham's radio teletype detachment which provides a radio link to the Canadian Headquarters for Middle East UN operations, located in Ismailia, Egypt. This detachment operates from a dismantled CRTTZ shelter in the base camp at Naqoura.

The switchboard detachment of MCpl Bill MacPherson was operating five stacked SB-22 manual switchboards in a basement room at UN Headquarters. A new automatic exchange was in the process of being installed and the operator's push-button console will be considerably easier to operate than the maze of jack cords that the operators now have to contend with. The new board should be in operation in late June.

The SDS Section with MCpl Glen Brake in charge, is one of the busiest sections. They do two trips daily to each battalion, one by road, and one by helicopter to pick up and deliver official messages and papers. They know every one of the thousands of potholes in the Southern Lebanon road system.

In the base camp at Naqoura, everything is housed in tents. Living accommodation is in three section modular tents, six men per tent, or





General Irskine inspecting the UNIFIL Signal Unit.



Boarding the bus for home.



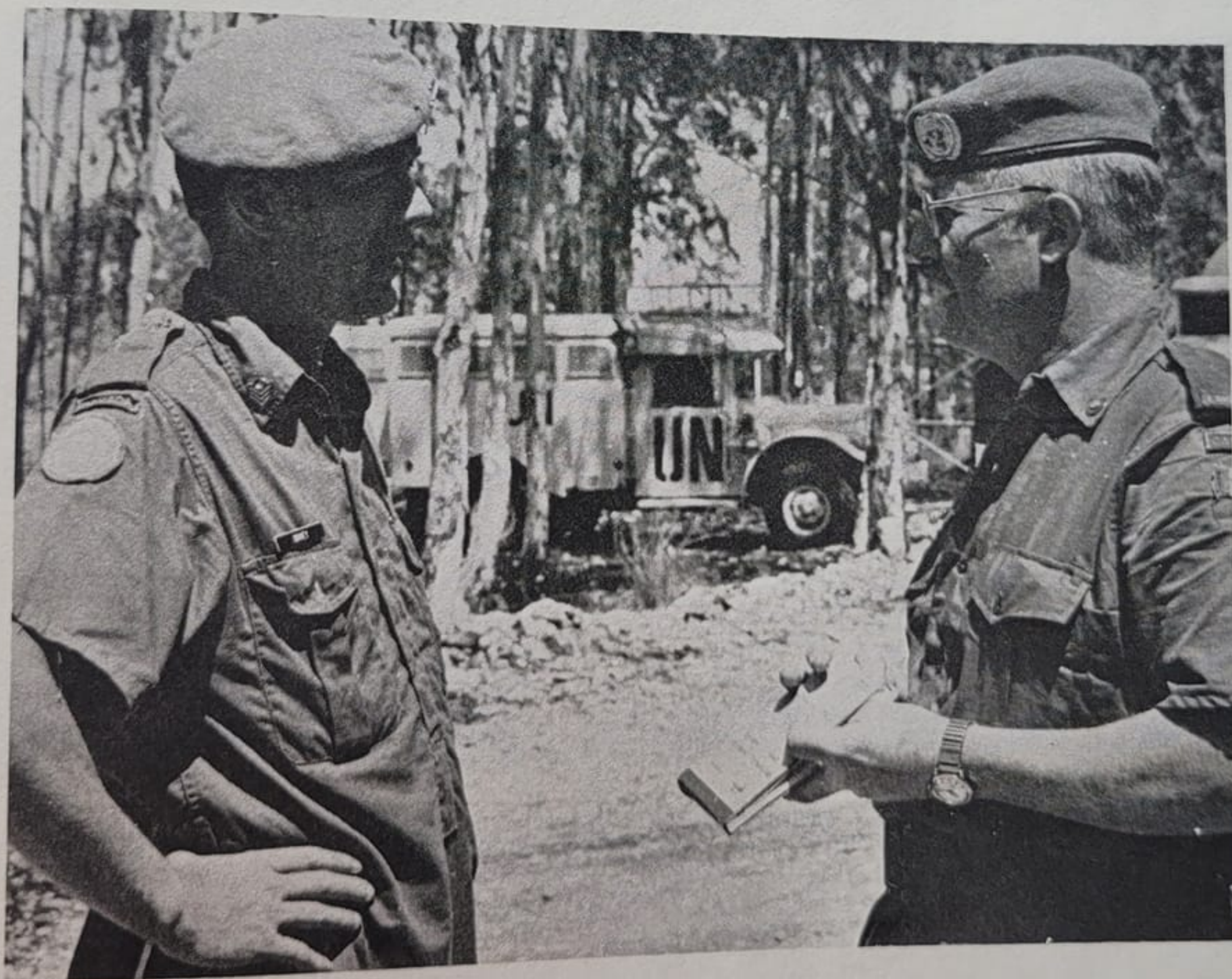
Scenes from Lebanon prior to departure.







Major Roger Bonner announces Cpl "Radar" Edwards' Regimental Award of "Soldier of the Year", and presents him with a personalized sign for his quarters.



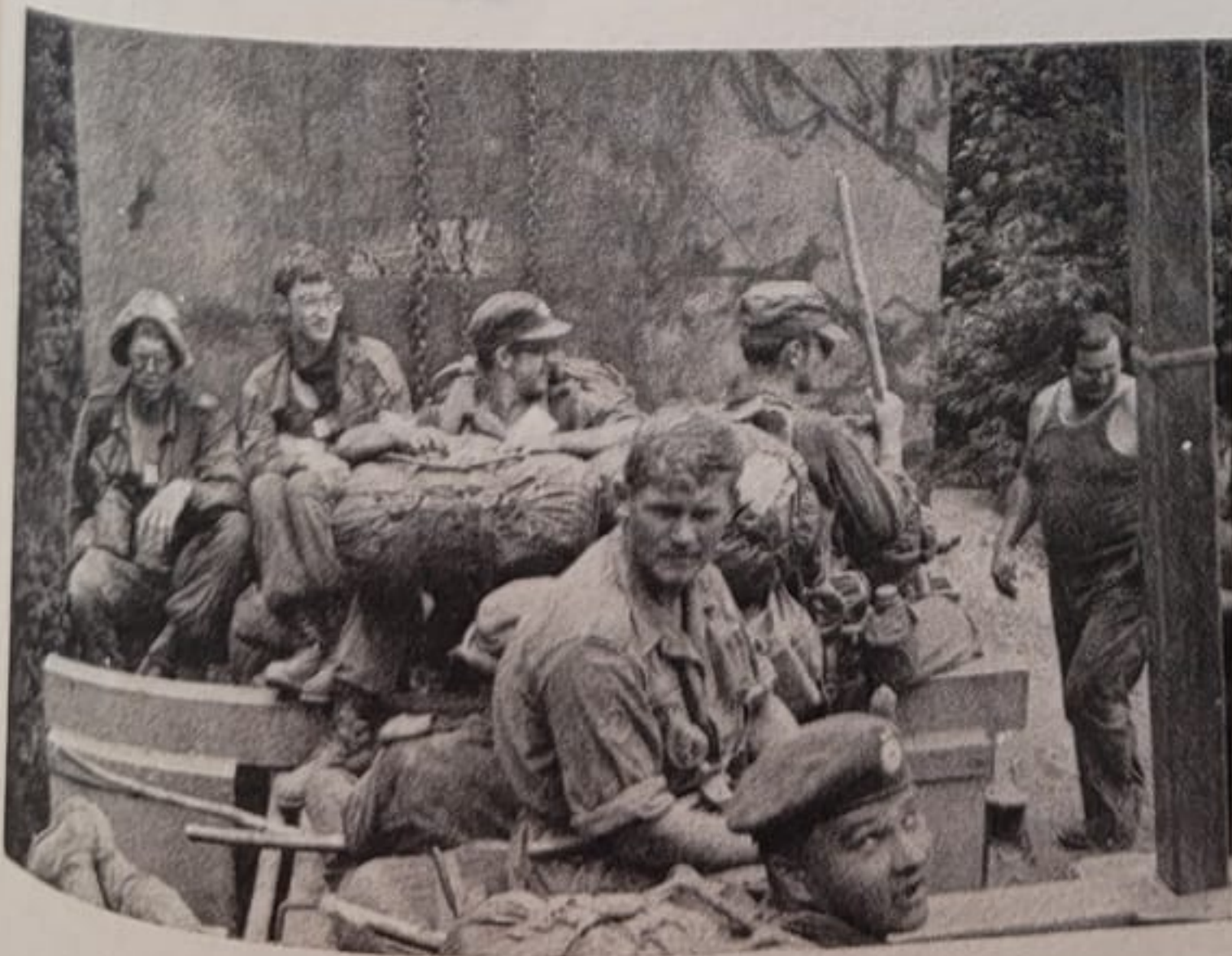
TALKING SHOP ... Sergeant Andy Rivey of St Paul, Alta., and Master Warrant Officer Bill Hartling of Harrigan Cove, N.S., discuss supply problems at an Israeli transit camp near Tel Aviv. Sgt Rivey, a member of the Canadian Contingent, United Nations Middle East, based at Ismailia, Egypt, had gone to assist MWO Hartling of the UNIFIL Signals Unit of 1st Canadian Signal Regiment prepare for his unit's arrival in the Middle East. More than 1100 members of the Canadian Forces — men and women in the regular and reserve forces — are serving with the United Nations in Egypt, Israel, Syria and Lebanon. Sgt Rivey, the son of Mr and Mrs Louis Rivey of St. Paul, came to Egypt from 1 Service Battalion, Canadian Forces Base Calgary. MWO Hartling is the son of Mrs Bessie Hartling, Harrigan Cove, N.S.



fishing, swimming and relaxing. In very high spirits 1 Squadron returned to Kingston, happier if not wiser on Tuesday 25 July 78.

Everybody had been warned the exercise would be tough and they weren't disappointed. However, everybody from the Officer and Snr NCOs to the junior soldiers gained from the exercise. Understandingly the leadership training was of most benefit. But in addition the city boys realized and appreciated the challenge of the woods and learned a few extra skills which will always be of benefit both in and out of the Forces. They were able to appreciate the benefits of proper and regular food and physical and mental preparation, and learned how far they could push themselves. They also learned to look after their kit and to create their own self discipline. After all "any fool can be uncomfortable".

#### Scenes From Algonquin Park





The Squadron departed for the initial base camp at 8 a.m. on 17 Jul 78. This was in the area of Lake St Peter (Algonquin Park), where in beautiful sunshine the patrols spend the day receiving their final supplies, checking their equipment and radios and generally adapting their bodies and minds to a fortnight in the bush. The following morning at 7 o'clock the first patrol departed for the exercise area and their destination five days and 40 minutes away at Park Lake.

All three patrols experienced difficult conditions during their navigation walk. Some were able to spend the majority of time on tracks, unmarked on maps but vaguely explained by the wood people (loggers, surveyors and hunters). This was the longest route but the quickest. Others spent a good deal of time taking the shortest possible route which involved many hours of torturous cross country walking. Often through muddy swamps and thick vegetation. Most were able to spend some nights camped by lakes for the ritual swim and fish but occasionally camp sites had to be improvised wherever the day ended and water existed. For in spite of an extra water canteen per man, water was often in short supply and extremely high July temperatures and humidity made two canteens last about three hours if not used wisely. The first patrol to reach the goal was 3 patrol commanded by WO Bob Alexander and Sgt 'Nick' Nicholson. They took four days. The remaining two patrols arrived in the next 24 hours. Considering the number involved there were only a few casualties. Pte Farmer had to be evacuated by helicopter because of flat feet, a few others were picked up by vehicle because of twisted knees, ankles and bad blisters. However, the numbers involved were few and all casualties were very disappointed they were unable to finish the course.

After a few hours rest, a good fresh hot meal and a shower, the lads were able to talk and laugh about their experience. Pte Scott's awful dirty jokes which kept his patrol happy (?) Pte Lovetts exploits with blood suckers (leeches) in his patrol commanders' canteen and WOpl Burke our resident canoe instructor giving us a superb demonstration of the involuntary capsizes. By the time we had been in base camp 24 hours the proliferation of superbly carved walking sticks was fantastic. (Is the proliferation of superbly carved walking sticks was fantastic. (Is 1 Sqn really that old?) Needless to say WOpl Barnaby took the prize for the best specimen. The remainder of the time in the base camp was spent



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## 1 Sqn Ex Manitou Moccasin

Exercise MANITOU MOCCASIN was an adventure training exercise in the Algonquin Park region of Ontario during the period 17-25 July 78. Approximately 60 all ranks from the Squadron were involved in the training which consisted of walking 40 miles across thick provincial park woodland. These involved were divided into five groups: 3 patrols each consisting of about 16 men, a base camp party and a rear party responsible for HF communications back to Kingston. The patrols were commanded by Capt Derek Hadden, Royal Signals (also Exercise Director), Lieutenant Randy Combs and WO Bob Alexander. Sgt Morris and WO Alexander did excellent jobs organizing a superb base camp and maintaining efficient communications respectively.

The aim of the exercise was to navigate the 40 miles in about five days. Valuable experience would be gained by individuals carrying their entire food, personal kit and shelters for the duration. The exercise objectives were also to practice leadership (at all levels), self discipline and endurance, self sufficiency, navigation and map reading. Patrols marched independently and much of the route was across thick woodland so both leaders and individuals had plenty of practice at the objectives. Each patrol carried an AN/PRC 515 HF manpack radio set for inter-patrol and rearling communications as well as AN/PRC 66B AN/VHF radio for ground to air communications to helicopter support from 427 Tac Air Sqn at Petawawa.

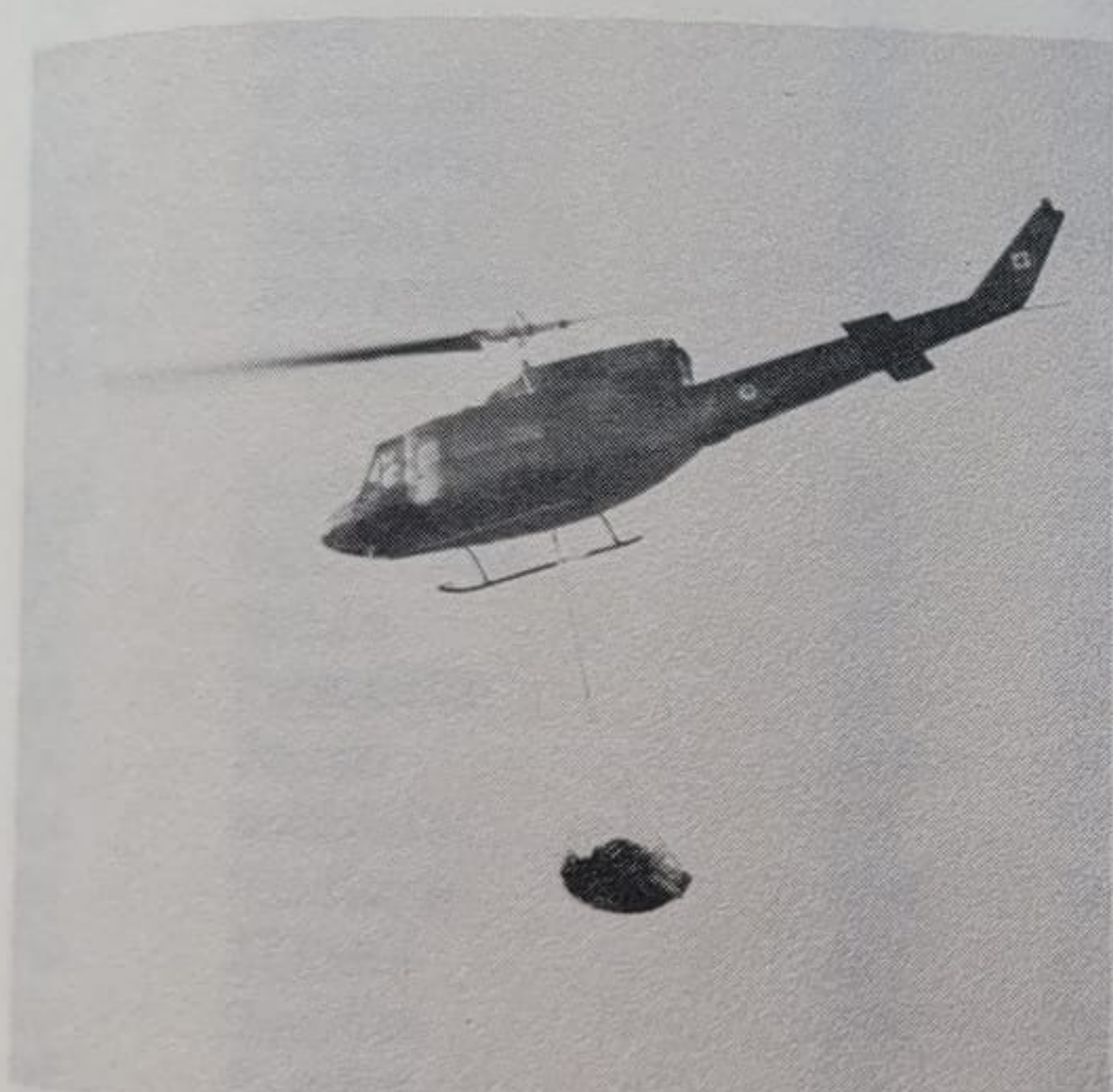
The Squadron embarked on a comprehensive preparation course prior to the exercise. This consisted of a fitness programme. Lectures on First Aid given by MDpl Jim Tolmie and an afternoon of demonstrations where the following was exhibited: preparation and enhancing of the dehydrated rations, shelter (hoochie) construction, practical First Aid and preparation and packing of personal kit. The instructors worked hard at their demonstrations and the result was a much more knowledgeable and enthusiastic group of soldiers (sic).



On the third day of our cairn insertion tasking the personnel were withdrawn by helicopter. Used equipment and stores were sorted and packed up.

During the period remaining after the insertion of cairns we continued with such community projects as transplanting trees and building a fence around the community hall. All told over 150 trees were transplanted.

Everyone was given a day off before we left to go fishing, hiking, gold panning or whatever. WO Gillis with his magic fishing rod netted 29 fish including arctic grayling and lake trout and a 12 lb northern pike. Other notables in the "fishing derby" were Pte Peeters, MCpl Kemp, MCpl Pottle, MCpl McKeough and MCpl Meighan.





On our arrival at Burwash Landing, half the town came out to see a rare occurrence - a 4 engine plane setting down on their gravel airstrip. We established our camp at the airfield and planned our operation from there.

During the first week in Burwash, we participated in community projects. We transplanted over 100 trees around the Burwash museum and playground. The playground was fixed up with a new tunnel and a jail-house made from wood. We chopped and sawed our way through a few chords of firewood for the older residents of Burwash. In the evenings we showed films to the natives in their school house.

At the end of the first week a Twin Huey helicopter arrived at Burwash to assist us in our cairn placement tasks. In the space of three days we deployed four emergency survival cairns. On the first two days two cairns were placed by our people with the assistance of the helicopter and 4 assault boats. A total of 15 people deployed via helicopter to the east side of Kluane Lake. Personal gear, survival cairns, assault boats and radios were transported in a cargo net slung underneath the helicopter. Once across the lake the 4 assault boat groups under command of WO Gillis, MOpl Kemp, MOpl Meighan and Cpl Hodges, made their way to selected spots to set up the cairns and to establish radio communications. The job was completed sooner than expected and by noon hour the second day all personnel and equipment had redeployed via helicopter to the Burwash airfield.

The final two cairns were deployed strictly by helicopter. In addition to these cairns we deployed two mountain top radio rebroadcast detachments. The two cairn insertion teams were commanded by Sgt Dew and Sgt Park. The RRB det comds were MOpl Meighan and MOpl Kemp. VHF communications were maintained between the base radio station, deployed cairn locations and the helicopter. The experience of working RRB over the mountainous terrain of the Yukon was a very worthwhile one as we were able to talk over 35 miles using only manpack AN/PRC 77 sets at the RRBs and deployed stations. MOpl Kemp and MOpl Meighan reported that the view from their 6000 ft sites adequately made up for the cold, windy night that they spent on the mountains.



## Ex Northern Viking

From 17 Sept to 2 Oct 78, 1st Canadian Signal Regiment took part in Ex NORTHERN VIKING in Burwash Landing, Yukon Territory. Thirty-one personnel formed a platoon size organization for the purpose of placing four emergency survival cairns at key locations around Burwash Landing. The exercise is a continuous one with various Mobile Command unit taking part in survival cairn constructions throughout Canadian Forces Northern Region (basically NWT and the Yukon). Approximately 18 platoons participated in Ex NORTHERN VIKING each year.

In addition to the placing of cairns, Ex NORTHERN VIKING attempts to establish a military presence in the north. By exposing military personnel to the people of the north, the CF gains valuable knowledge on local customs, traditions and problems. The challenge of living and working in the north is a worthwhile training experience for all the military personnel involved. The northern peoples gain as well from the exercise through their contact with the military on Ex NORTHERN VIKING. Many of the northern people have never been south of the 60th parallel but through talking with members of the CF they gain an appreciation for our backgrounds and way of life.

The platoon of 31 men from 1 Squadron, Sp Squadron, Valcartier and Chilliwack was commanded by Capt AA Smith. WO Gillis was the Pl WO, MOpl Pottle the QM rep and Sgt Dew, Sgt Park and MOpl Kemp each commanded a 9 man section.

From 5-14 Sep members of the platoon engaged in an intensive training program, morning PT, route marches, lectures on equipment and safety, demonstrations and training on the survival cairns, assault boats and ranges helped to prepare the platoon for the tasks that would be performed at Burwash Landing.



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		AG	8 CH Petawawa	26 Jun 78
	Wiegel	JPJ	4 GMBG Sigs Sqn OC OP Lahr	19 Jun 78
	Jodoin	JD	CFS Holberg	30 Jun 78
	Maccarahan	GJ	OFB Edmonton	30 Jun 78
	Racicot	JR	3RCR Baden	01 Jul 78
	Green	ER	CFB Summerside	03 Jul 78
	Mikkola	RK	1 CBG HQ Calgary	03 Jul 78
	Webb	TS	CFRC Corner Brooke	04 Jul 78
	Hoddinott	WR	CFB Esquimalt	04 Jul 78
	Webster	PA	3 RCR Baden	05 Jul 78
	Hodges	TR	CFA Office Moscow Russia	07 Jul 78
	Campbell	AJ	COLS Georgia USA	07 Jul 78
	Whitehead	DS	770 Comm Rsch Sqn	10 Jul 78
	Cornish		Gander, Nfld	
	St Aubin	A	CFS Inuvik	10 Jul 78
	Brooks	JB	CFSIS Borden	11 Jul 78
	Davis	GR	CDLS Washington DC	14 Jul 78
	MacNeil	RC	2 Svc Bn Petawawa	14 Jul 78
	Ryan	FJ	CFS Dana	16 Jul 78
	Fox	DS	770 Comm Rsch Sqn Gander	17 Jul 78
	McClements	RA	702 Comm Sqn Petawawa	17 Jul 78
	Simpson	JM	CFB Cornwallis	17 Jul 78
	Skipper	DG	72 Comm CPHQ Halifax	17 Jul 78
	Gann	SM	4 Svc Bn Lahr	21 Jul 78
	Aube	DM	4 GMBG HQ Lahr	24 Jul 78
	Brooks	JM	742 Comm Sqn Edmonton	24 Jul 78
	Good	AA	CFB Winnipeg	24 Jul 78
	Matheis	FJ	CFS Yorkton	01 Aug 78
	Wilson	BF	CFSCEE Kingston	03 Aug 78
	Power	F	Comm Gp Halifax	09 Aug 78
	Pretty	RE	CFS Inuvik	14 Aug 78
	Roettger	JJ	1 CBG HQ & Sig Sqn Calgary	14 Aug 78
	Rousseau	JA	CFB Europe	14 Aug 78
	Coutu	JMR	CFB St Jean	15 Aug 78
	Adams	DJ	CFRC London	20 Aug 78
	Byars	KM	CFSCEE Kingston	22 Aug 78
	Carkner	DA	CFS Masset	24 Aug 78
	Clarke	JH	CFB Winnipeg	28 Aug 78
	Deans	DY	CMED Petawawa	28 Aug 78
	Towns	JB	CFSCEE Kingston	29 Aug 78



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Capt	Lacharite	FL	3PPCLI Esquimalt	01 Aug 78
Op1	Vidal	JJD	1R22ER Lahr	01 Aug 78
WO	Mieller	WK	4 Svc Bn Lahr	03 Aug 78
Op1	Ashe	SE	Ismailia, Egypt	09 Aug 78
Sgt	Bolduc	MA	CFS Yorkton	09 Aug 78
Op1	Drummond	BW	4 CMBG Sigs Lahr	14 Aug 78
Op1	Alexander	R	ATL NDHQ/Au Ottawa	18 Aug 78
WO	Hamel	JP	CFS Leitrim	21 Aug 78
Pte	Filion	JE	Valcartier	28 Aug 78
Sgt	Martin	RC	CFB Trenton	28 Aug 78
Op1	Samis	RRC	CFSCEE Kingston	28 Aug 78

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Op1	Brien	DM	2 Svc Bn Petawawa	01 Jun 78
Pte	Drodge	FWL	CFSCEE Kingston	06 Jun 78
Pte	Fisher	KP	CFSCEE Kingston	06 Jun 78
Pte	Parsons	TW	CFSCEE Kingston	06 Jun 78
Pte	McDermott	G	CFSCEE Kingston	09 Jun 78
Pte	Tippett	GL	CFSCEE Kingston	09 Jun 78
Op1	Brown	BD	4 CMBG HQ Lahr	12 Jun 78
WOpl	Fletcher	DL	444 Tac Hel Sqn Lahr	12 Jun 78
Pte	Holdway	KD	CFSCEE Kingston	12 Jun 78
Sgt	Perry	RN	4 OER Lahr	12 Jun 78
Pte	Rondeau	JBWP	CFSCEE Kingston	12 Jun 78
Pte	Tomlinson	DS	CFB Kingston	12 Jun 78
Pte	Trapani	JF	1 Line Tp Kingston	12 Jun 78
Sgt	Young	RW	CFB Chilliwack	12 Jun 78
Sgt	Hope	RE	Ismailia, Egypt	14 Jun 78
Op1	Nightingale	HW	CFB Borden	15 Jun 78
Op1	Baresich	PJ	4 Fd Amb Lahr	16 Jun 78
Pte	Buffet	RJ	CFSCEE Kingston	16 Jun 78
Pte	Hearst	DJ	CFSCEE Kingston	16 Jun 78
Pte	Impellezzeri	GJ	CFSCEE Kingston	16 Jun 78
Pte	LeBlanc	CL	CFSCEE Kingston	16 Jun 78
WOpl	Welin	BD	CFSCEE Kingston	19 Jun 78
Pte	Rose	JP	ROD Lahr	19 Jun 78
Pte	Setter	DC	CFS Masset	19 Jun 78
Pte	Stittle	DB	CFSCEE Kingston	19 Jun 78
Pte	McAleer	CL	CFSCEE Kingston	23 Jun 78



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Sgt	Fraize	H	CFSCEE	5 Jun 78
Pte	Weeks	AF	4 CMBT Engr Regt Lahr	12 Jun 78
Sgt	Lindsay	WJ	4Q CFE	20 Jun 78
Opl	Strang	PW	CFS Alert	21 Jun 78
Capt	Holdway	RE	2 RCR Gagetown	26 Jun 78
MOpl	Legault	DF	CFS Inuvik	26 Jun 78
Opl	Kennedy	JD	4 SVC Bn Lahr	29 Jun 78
MOpl	Lauzon	JD	CFRS Cornwallis	1 Jul 78
Opl	Liberty	SR	CFB Ottawa	1 Jul 78
Opl	Bergeron	JGJ	CFS Aldergrove	3 Jul 78
Opl	Board	KE	1 Svc Bn Calgary	3 Jul 78
MOpl	Bull	RT	CFB Winnipeg	3 Jul 78
Pte	Race	DG	8 CH Petawawa	3 Jul 78
Opl	Williams	RS	CFS Beaverlodge	3 Jul 78
Capt	Davidson	SS	CFB Esquimalt	5 Jul 78
Pte	Goodall	CR	CFB North Bay	5 Jul 78
Capt	Sheremeta	PW	4 CMBG Sig Sqn Lahr	7 Jul 78
MOpl	Boyles	WW	Naucomsta Skaggs Island Calif	10 Jul 78
Capt	David	JL	CFRC Quebec City	10 Jul 78
Opl	Falardeau	JG	CFS Carp	10 Jul 78
Sgt	Muise	JH	CFB Kingston	10 Jul 78
Opl	Paquette	JA	CFB Kingston	10 Jul 78
Opl	Sauve	JAN	CFB St Jean	10 Jul 78
Opl	Schmidt	IS	CFB Borden	10 Jul 78
Sgt	Nichols	WGA	CFB Gagetown	13 Jul 78
Pte	Allman	GD	4 CMBG HQ & Sig Sqn Lahr	15 Jul 78
Lt	Gauvin	JRP	NDHQ Ottawa	15 Jul 78
MWO	Harvey	LA	CFSCEE Kingston	15 Jul 78
Pte	LeBlanc	RJ	4 CMBG Sigs Lahr	17 Jul 78
Opl	Khan	AW	CFSCEE Kingston	17 Jul 78
Opl	Pardy	HLJ	720 Comm Sqn Debort	17 Jul 78
Maj	Turgeon	JRMF	NDHQ Ottawa	17 Jul 78
Pte	Wilson	SE	3 RCR Baden Lahr	24 Jul 78
MOpl	Kirkpatrick	KE	CFB Penhold	25 Jul 78
Opl	Nichol	MO	CFB Europe Lahr	31 Jul 78
Opl	Briggs	TG	ROD Lahr	31 Jul 78
MOpl	Keating	HA	HMCS Kootenay Esquimalt	31 Jul 78
Pte	Limberty	JF	740 Comm Sqn Nanaimo	31 Jul 78
Sgt	Pilkey	D	4 Svc Bn Europe	31 Jul 78
Opl	Walker	FL	3 RCR Baden Lahr	31 Jul 78